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1. Reconsideration and further prosecution of the above-identified application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and discussion that follows. Claims 1-38 are pending in this application.

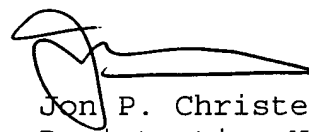
In the Decision on Appeal of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, dated May 19, 2004, the rejection of claims 1-37 were not sustained and the rejection of claim 38 was sustained. The rejection of claims 1-37 were not sustained because of the recitation of the additional limitation of "largest" in conjunction with "relative difference". In accordance with this amendment, claim 38 has now been amended to include the additional limitation of "largest". With the additional limitation, claim 38 should now also be allowable.

2. For the foregoing reasons, allowance of claims 1-38 as now presented, is believed to be in order and such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to telephone applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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